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For: MULTILAYERED GAS SENSING ELEMENT EMPLOYABLE IN AN
EXHAUST SYSTEM OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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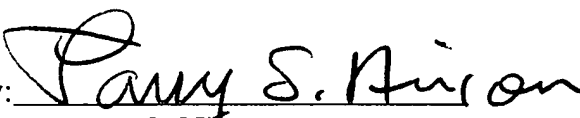
RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 01/23/2003 finding that applicant has claimed two patentably distinct inventions (i.e., neither of which is made "obvious" in view of the other under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects the patentably distinct invention I comprising claims 1-6 for further substantive examination in the present application.

Allowance of the elected claims 1-6 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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